

SEMICONDUCTOR ASSEMBLY METHOD AND EQUIPMENT THEREFOR

Abstract of the Disclosure

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An automatic reel changer (10) for a tape-and-reel handler is formed to automatically insert a carrier tape (15) from the tape-and-reel handler into an empty receiving reel (80), wind the carrier tape (15) onto the 10 receiving reel (80), and apply a securing device to keep the carrier tape (15) fixedly attached to the receiving reel (80). The automatic reel changer (10) then removes the full receiving reel (80) and replaces it with another empty receiving reel (81) and continues the process.

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